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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Logistics

SUBJECT : Motor Vehicle Transportation for the National Security Council

1. We have reviewed your memorandum of March 4, 1954, referring to the transportation furnished by your office to the National Security Council. Simultaneously, we were informed that the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council wished guidance as to the use to which he and his Deputy would be authorized to put the vehicle assigned to them.

2. Specific guidance had not been given previously to these two officers of the National Security Council, and, in view of the unique statutory positions held by them and their relationship to this Agency, we have made a careful review of the applicable laws and regulations. The questions are whether the positions of the Executive Secretary and the Deputy Executive Secretary could be equated to those officers authorized by law to use official transportation between their homes and their places of business or whether in the alternative the authorities granted to this Agency would permit such utilization. In our opinion, both of these questions must be answered in the negative.

3. Normally, such an opinion should be given by counsel for the agency concerned, but since the National Security Council does not have its own attorneys, we have traditionally given legal support on such matters. Consequently, I have informed the Deputy Executive Secretary of the National Security Council of our opinion. He has now informed me that he and the Executive Secretary understand the legal restrictions and intend to comply therewith in all respects.

4. We have, therefore, responded to their inquiry and I believe have thereby also resolved the question presented in your memorandum. We believe no further action is indicated.

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General Counsel

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